

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 51\*  
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 4/4/17**

Short Title: Winston-Salem/Service by Publication Cost. (Local)

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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February 8, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM MAY RECOVER THE  
3 COST OF SERVING COMPLAINTS AND ORDERS BY PUBLICATION IN HOUSING  
4 CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-443 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 160A-443. Ordinance authorized as to repair, closing, and demolition; order of public**  
8 **officer.**

9 Upon the adoption of an ordinance finding that dwelling conditions of the character  
10 described in G.S. 160A-441 exist within a city, the governing body of the city is hereby  
11 authorized to adopt and enforce ordinances relating to dwellings within the city's territorial  
12 jurisdiction that are unfit for human habitation. These ordinances shall include the following  
13 provisions:

14 ...

15 (6) Liens. –

16 a. That the amount of the actual cost of service of complaints and  
17 orders by publication, repairs, alterations or improvements, or  
18 vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the public officer  
19 shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was  
20 incurred, which lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be  
21 collected as the lien for special assessment provided in Article 10 of  
22 this Chapter.

23 ...."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Winston-Salem only.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to complaints  
26 or orders pursuant to Part 6 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes issued on or  
27 after that date.

